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SUBJECT: Issuance of Contract Year 2018 Model Materials

This memo announces the release of the Contract Year (CY) 2018 Model Materials. These models include: the standardized Annual Notice of Change (ANOC); the Evidence of Coverage (EOC); the ANOC/EOC Errata Notice; the Part D Explanation of Benefits (EOB); the Excluded Provider Model; the Formulary (Comprehensive and Abridged); the Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Rider; the Provider Directory; the Pharmacy Directory; the LIS Premium Summary Table; the Prescription Transfer Letter; and the Transition Letter.

CMS annually implements updates to these models based on input from the industry, advocacy groups and other stakeholders. CMS reviews, analyzes and makes final determinations on all proposed edits that are submitted for consideration.

Most of these model documents have not changed significantly from the CY 2017 models. Attached to this memo, you will find the revised ANOC/EOC models with a Summary of Changes at the beginning of each to highlight changes from last year. This should be helpful for organizations and sponsors when producing the CY 2018 model documents.

Please note that the CY 2018 Provider Directory Model has been updated and includes changes that were highlighted in the January 17, 2017 HPMS memo "Provider Directory Policy Updates." Plans should also reference Chapter 4 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual and other sub-regulatory guidance.

Also note that guidance for the CY 2018 Summary of Benefits will be incorporated into the Medicare Marketing Guidelines, which CMS expects to release soon. Changes to the Summary of Benefits for the upcoming year will be minor.

All models, and standardized documents are located at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/ManagedCareMarketing/MarketngModelsStandardDocumentsandEducationalMaterial.html> and www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/Part-D-Model-Marketing-Materials.html.

Organizations and sponsors must ensure that their CY 2018 documents are compliant with CMS requirements. Questions should be directed to your CMS Account Manager or Marketing Reviewer.